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THE
PEOPLE'S
—STORE.

BIG
HANDKERCHIEF
SALE

85 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs 10¢ each former price 15¢.
115 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs 15¢ or 2 for 25¢ never sold below 20¢.
85 Dozen Ladies white Swiss embroidered Handkerchiefs 25¢ former price from 39 to 50¢.
50 Dozen Ladies white hemstitched Handkerchiefs with initials 5¢ each.
60 Dozen white Silk embroidered Handkerchiefs 3 for 25¢ former price 15¢.
25 Dozen white Silk embroidered Handkerchiefs 15¢ former price 25¢.
25 Dozen same better quality with open work 25¢ each former price 39 and 50¢.
150 Dozen Ladies Irish embroidered hemstitched Handkerchiefs 3 for 25¢.
100 Dozen Ladies white embroidered hemstitched Handkerchiefs colored border 5¢ each former price 10¢.

CHRISTIE
&
COMPANY.

PEACHES! PEACHES!!

Possibly you did not eat Peaches for your table on account of their scarcity. I have been on a still hunt for them for some time and have secured some very fine goods at a very reasonable price, which have arrived and are now on sale.

These goods are very scarce this year and I congratulate myself on being able to offer you such a bargain.

CANNED PEAS.

You don't want these unless they are almost as good as pods you get from the vine. Well I have them. Try a can and be convinced.

M. V. N. BRAMAN.
12 STATE STREET.
TELEPHONE 220.

MALICIOUS!

We want to refute the statement of interested parties that our Cabinet Photos at \$2 a doz and our Matted Photos at \$1 doz, offered at these prices for the Holidays, are photographs that will surely fade. We guarantee the quality of our Pictures, even to duplicating free of charge any one or them that shows the least sign of fading. We should not notice malicious statements were we established long enough to prove that our rule is to make on business and reputation in the quality of our work. We are satisfied to give our photographs during the holidays at a price very little above the actual cost for we know we shall benefit in the end.

MARTIN'S
STUDIO.

Eagle Street, North Adams,
Next Baptist Church.

By Telegraph
5.00 O'CLOCK.

SHARKEY'S SHAPE,

The Pugilist Not a Very
Acceptable Sight
Just Yet.

MONEY STILL UNPAID.

Book Makers Accept Earp's
Decision and Pay Bets.
Both Sides are as
Firm as Ever.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

It is declared that preparations for the attempt was actually in progress some time previous to the day of election.

The direct information comes from Hon. John Covert, a veteran Cleveland newspaper man, formerly the editor of the Leader. He obtained the story from a physician in high standing, who was a fellow-passenger with men acquainted with the promoters of the scheme.

NEW STATE OF AFFAIRS.

Protection Demanded for the
Dauntless in Her Filibustering
Expedition.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 5.—The Cuban delegate here has received a request from General Antonio Maceo for a supply of arms, ammunition and medicines to be sent to him immediately.

The Dauntless and Three Friends will sail for Cuba at once with the supplies. No attempt will be made at secrecy. The United States marshal has been informed that the Three Friends will carry a cargo of munitions of war to Cuba, and Mr. Bans, her owner, goes to Washington immediately to inform the attorney general that he has contracted to land such a cargo on the coast of Cuba.

He will demand that his vessel be escorted by a United States warship and will insist that under the ruling of the United States supreme court in the Horsa case, that the carrying of arms on an unarmed vessel is not a violation of law.

The Dauntless will take on a cargo at Eau Gallie. Colonel Emilio Nunez of the Cuban Junta is now in Jacksonville directing the movements of the expedition.

JOHN R. FELLOW'S CONDITION

Family Lost Hope This
Morning, but Later They
Entertain Some.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—District Attorney John R. Fellows lies at the point of death at his home on West 152 street. It was said this morning that death was only a question of a few hours. The family had given up hope. Mrs. Fellows was prostrated.

Once during the night the physicians thought the end was approaching. John Fellows, Jr., who is traveling South has gained currency although there is no foundation in fact. It was represented that the agents of the sailor offered Fitzsimmons \$4,000 of the purse. Sharkey and Lynch assert this is untrue and say they will claim every cent that represents victory.

Bookmakers Pay.

The local bookmakers are now paying the bets. They have accepted Earp's decision as final and are giving the winners the money due. This has had a marked effect in silencing the storm of angry arguments.

GAS KILLED THREE.

Two Houses in Boston
Found Full of Gas. The
Inmates Overcome.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

BOSTON, Dec. 5.—By the escape of gas in two houses on Newcomb street in the Roxbury district the residents were overcome and three were found dead this morning and four others are believed to be in a fatal condition. Several more were resuscitated with difficulty. The dead are negroes.

Passers by this morning at 9 o'clock noticed a strong odor of gas and started an investigation which resulted in the startling find. When the house had been cleared of the fumes a search was made and the cause of the trouble was found to be a leak which occurred in the cellar at a junction of pipes which supplied both houses with gas.

GIGANTIC SCHEME.

An Attempt to Control Eu-
ropean Cable Offices
and Falsify Reports.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5.—The story of an audacious and gigantic scheme on the part of a syndicate of London speculators to control all European cable offices on the night of the American presidential election was printed here this afternoon on authority pronounced to be the highest authority.

The plan was said to be to secure the issue of a report from the European cable offices to the effect that Bryan was elected, which, it was believed, would send the stock market tumbling downward. It is alleged that the schemers thought they would buy everything available means could obtain, realizing a fabulous sum after the public received the correct news and the reaction began.

By Telegraph
4.00 O'CLOCK.

EXTRA SESSION.

Statements Thought to Have
Been Inspired at
Canton.

TARIFF CHANGE DEMANDED.

Mr. Dingley will Make the
Announcements. Sena-
tor Thurston Gives

His Opinion on the
Matter.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—There is practically no longer any doubt of the intention of Mr. McKinley convening the fifty-fifth congress in extraordinary session early in the spring. Several arrivals of friends and confidants of Mr. McKinley from Canton today bring a positive announcement that a call for a special session to convene a few days after March 4 has been decided upon.

Mr. Dingley's Privilege.
It is stated that the decision was definitely reached by Mr. McKinley after a consultation with Mr. Dingley, chairman of the ways and means committee, and that Mr. Dingley is entrusted with the privilege of making known the intention at the proper time. Senator Thurston, one of the latest arrivals from Canton, expresses in the most positive terms his conviction that an extra session will be called.

The senator was one of the earliest and staunchest supporters of Mr. McKinley and there is every reason to believe that his utterance is inspired to a degree though the senator declines to say so.

SENATOR THURSTON KNOWS.

"All I can say," said Thurston, "is I have seen Mr. McKinley very recently and I am convinced that a session of the next Congress will be called about the 15th or next March. That ought to be satisfactory. I cannot quote any one, but I don't consider there is any doubt on the point."

"Shall we have an extra session regardless of the result of the senatorial elections this winter," the senator was asked. "Yes, the complexion of the Senate will not be allowed to influence the decision. The political administration was elected under the pledge to reform the tariff, and its duty to the country is to proceed about the business at the earliest possible moment and either keep its pledge or to make manifest the impossibility of the accomplishment.

TWO NEW GUNBOATS.

They Can Sail as Well as
Steam and are Econo-
rical Cruisers.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

BATH, Me., Dec. 5.—The new gun boats Vicksburg and Newport were successfully launched at the yards of the Bath Iron Works this afternoon in the presence of an immense crowd, the Vicksburg at 12:35 o'clock and the Newport at 2:30 o'clock.

A feature distinguishing these from other naval vessels is the use of full sail power in addition to steam. The vessel will be rigged as barkentines with the ability to sail twelve knots an hour without the use of engines.

So they prove the most economical cruisers for foreign stations. The Vicksburg and Newport are each of 1000 tons displacement, drawing twelve feet of water, 168 feet in length, 36 feet in beam and costing \$229,000 each.

NAVAL BOYS ESCAPE.

Refused Christmas Fur-
loughs. They Attempt
to Take Them.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 5.—One hundred naval apprentice boys made a dash for liberty this afternoon and twenty succeeded in escaping from the coaster.

The Harbor Island, Newport and Fall River police have been asked to help the United States officials to capture the boys. The trouble arose, it is believed, because of a refusal to allow Christmas furloughs.

A. D. Ingraham recently lost by thieves quite a quantity of oats, oats and chickens.

Darles Goodall is making some improvements about his place in the line of shingling, etc.

Fred Chamberlain and wife of Williams-

town are visiting in town.

Lester Toys has been repairing his

ESCAPED WITH BRUISES.

Young Boy Narrowly Missed Being Se-
riously Hurt on Main Street.

The 12-year-old son of Joseph A. Gendron, the Washington avenue baker, had a narrow escape from being seriously injured on Main street Friday evening. He was driving his cart slowly down the slight incline from Monument square and climbed out on the thill to fix some part of the harness. The horse started suddenly, the boy was thrown to the ground and the wheels of the cart passed over his legs just above the knees.

Officer Walsh caught the frightened horse before it had gone a rod and afterwards carried young Gendron to Dr. O. J. Brown's office. It was found he had sustained nothing more serious than a shaking up and a few bruises.

CITY CHARTER AMENDMENTS

To be Discussed at a Public Meeting
Next Friday Evening.

A meeting will be held in the board of trade rooms Friday evening, December 11, for the purpose of discussing proposed amendments to the city charter. The meeting will be public and should be largely attended, as the question is one of much importance to the people of the city. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock and Mayor Houghton will open the discussion.

OTIS SKINNER COMING.

The TRANSCRIPT takes pleasure in announcing the coming of such a brilliant actor as Otis Skinner to appear in a North Adams theatre. The mention of Otis Skinner's name is enough to guarantee the merit of the new play in which he appears, "A Soldier of Fortune." The scenes are laid in Italy, at the beginning of the 16th century, the time being the second invasion of that country by the armies of France. The first act shows the interior of one of the officer's tents at the French camp near Pisa. The second is a Florentine street scene, the location being near the old bridge of St. Trinile; the third act is divided into two scenes, the first being a chamber in a wayside inn on the road to Rome, and the second the magnificent gardens of the Palaces of the Borgias in Rome itself. The last act is also an interior, it being a large room in Caesar Borgia's castle at Urbino. Historical accuracy has been faithfully followed by Mr. Skinner's scenic artist, and the costumes are most picturesque, as well as absolutely correct. This engagement of Otis Skinner will be one of the most important of the coming season. He will present "A Soldier of Fortune" at the Columbia opera house next Wednesday evening, December 9.

FRIDAY NIGHT'S FIRE.

The fire department was called to Brantmont at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening to extinguish a blaze which had originated in a shed on the Wells property. The shed adjoined Daniel Wells' acid works and was used as a dumping place for the burning charcoal when taken from the pits. The fire started from a pile of live coals which had been smoldering for several hours. The shed was destroyed and also about thirty bushels of charcoal which were stored in one end. The loss amounted to about \$30.

HE IS WILLING TO RACE.

William Buckley, one of the young men in this city who came to the front as a sprint last summer, is desirous of racing 100 yards with William Norman, the well known boxer who has made a record for himself this year. Buckley demands a handicap of two yards and it is very probable that he will be accommodated.

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT.

An Increasing Interest. Some Valu-
able Gifts. Number of Books Drawn.

The report of the public library gives some figures regarding growth and circulation as follows: Since January 1, 1896, 388 new books have been purchased, and thirty-two to replace worn out copies. A new set of St. Nicholas has also been added, making, when bound, forty-two volumes, and of the magazines taken for the year, with slight change of title, will be repeated this evening; and we strongly urge all who enter a room person of vanderbilt, comic opera and farce comedy will find the greater pleasure in a production of sterling qualities, to take advantage of the opportunity offered.

ABOUT SOME HOSPITAL FUNDS.

Action of the Board of Control Con-
cerning the Building Fund.

EDITOR TRANSCRIPT.—The fact that funds for building purposes are needed by the hospital managers has prompted the board of control to unite several sums of money donated by different people and organizations for unspecified uses, under such a title as will admit of their being appropriated for immediate requirements.

Accordingly the "emergency fund," of \$10,04, the "building fund" of \$15,43 and the "union Thanksgiving offering" of this year, amounting to \$29,83, have been put into one aggregate amount of \$85,30, which will be called the "building and improvement fund" and will be used for purposes which the title indicates.

It would be a pleasure to thank individually the kind friends who have been instrumental in the accumulating of this money, but that is impossible, and the friends of the hospital for past and continued generosity. The object is a noble and necessary one to contribute to, and the bountiful promptings of Thanksgiving and other occasions are but preludes of what may be looked for whenever the needs of the hospital may be made manifest.

HERMAN J. C. BUTLER, Sec.

December 5, 1896.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT A QUARRY.

A Premature Discharge Results in the
Death of a Workman.

A blasting fatality occurred Friday at Martin & Pitt's lime quarry at Sherman, Vt., by which G. Sestak, an Austrian 32 years of age, lost his life. He was preparing a blast and had part of a dynamite cartridge in the drill hole. He began to tamper powder in to fill it, when it exploded, hurling him fifty feet in the air. He landed on his head, which was jammed in between some rocks and terrible bruised.

A part of one arm was blown off by the force of the explosion, which also knocked down one of his companions, but did not injure him.

FREDERICK J. C. BUTLER, Sec.

December 5, 1896.

A Large Amount of Water.

Engineer Geer, in charge of the Notch reservoir, reported to the board of public works Friday that there was about forty-five million gallons of water stored there.

The flow remains steady, but it is not ex-
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NEW SHAPES NEW DESIGNS NEW PRICES.

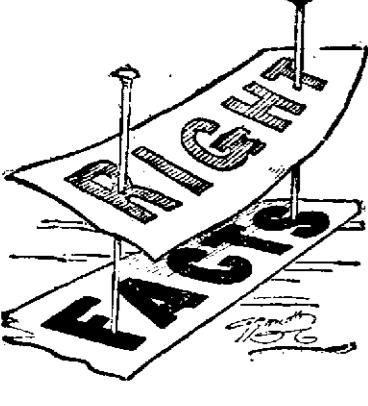
SUBURBAN NEWS. Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

A Greater Variety, A Larger Stock, and Lower Prices than any other store in the city.

Not in Fifty Years have I sold Watches, Jewelry, Solid Silver, Cut Glass, or Novelties as low as I am now. My store is crowded with a full, fresh stock. I have a quantity of fine plated tea sets and single pieces which I propose to sell at just one-half price to close them out quick. The time to make your selections for Christmas is now at the

Old and Reliable
Wilson Block Jeweler

L. M. BARNES



PINNED RIGHT DOWN
TO FACTS

Baled Straw - \$22 a ton.

Baled Shavings 9 "

Difference a ton \$13

You can save that \$13 by

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Wanted

AT RONOLD'S New Dining Room, 31 State St., up stairs, \$1.50 per week, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. hours.

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Wanted

One Girl Servant

General maid service, to all parts of the city. Call 222-1212, A. W. Telephone.

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Funeral Undertakers.

140 Main Street, North Adams, Mass.

JOHN E. MAGENIS,
Attorney & Counselor.

11 Main Street, North Adams.

C. T. PHILIPS,
Attorney and Counselor

11 Main Street, North Adams.

LOUIS PAGGER & CO.,
Patent Lawyers.

11 Main Street, North Adams.

W. W. KILES,
Attorney and Counselor

11 Main Street, North Adams.

EDWIN T. BARLOW, B. S.
Architect.

Office in House, Springbank Building, Room 104, 11 Main Street, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Evening appointments.

J. HORROCK, D. O. S.
Baptist Pastors.

11 Main Street, North Adams, Office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

J. F. BLANCHARD,
Garrison Lawyer and Cleric.

Attacks of clothing dress, cleaned or repaired.

For general dress, cleaned or repaired.

DR. GEORGE E. HARDER, M.S.

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J. H. PLAGG,
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11 Main Street, open to the Whole House, North Adams. For passengers, wagons, parties, and general mail, etc. Also a boat house.

Short time on reasonable terms. Also a village truck to the New York and telephone connection.

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Dental Surgeon.

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C. W. WRIGHT, M.D.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

11 Main Street, North Adams. Attending Eye

and Ear, Nose and Throat, etc.

and a short notice. All were examined and

repaired. Repairing in all its branches to reason-

able terms. Dealer in all kinds of rea-

sonable terms. Dealer

WEATHER FORECAST.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

Washington Forecast for Massachusetts:

DEC. 5.

Fair tonight and Sunday, followed by local showers. Cool or Sunday morning.

OUTLOOK OF BUSINESS

Further Evidence of the Rapid Renewal of Trade Activity.

GRATIFYING REDUCTION IN FAILURES

The Abandonment of Two of the Largest Combinations Additional Ground for Confidence—Others Likely to Follow.

New York, Dec. 5.—Dun's weekly review of the state of trade for the week just ending will to-day say: The classified failures of November, given to-day, show gratifying reduction compared with October, and are especially important as showing that the disturbance which swelled failures \$16,000,000 in August and September, did not prevent quick return to a monthly aggregate scarcely greater than that of May. Defaulted in billions in eleven months have been \$196,736,450 against \$145,544,202 last year, the increase being only \$14,000,000 outside of those two months. The decline of failures to about 40 per cent. of the September aggregate gives stronger ground for the confidence so generally expressed.

Ground for confidence is also found in the abandonment of two of the largest combinations by which the iron industry has been retarded, and the possibility that two others will be abandoned. Such a state of things suggests that these organizations, formed when depressed business failed to support all the works in existence, are not expected to survive a general revival and ample demand for products. The immediate effect of breaking prices is to check large buying of iron and steel products, but it will soon be seen about where prices are to range. The bar combination is still undersold by steel bars, and nothing is doing in rails, because the meeting shortly to be held will settle whether any price shall be fixed for next year. Bessemer pig at Pittsburgh is lower at \$11.75, and Grey forge at \$10, but there is large demand for vessel plates, both on foreign contracts and for the lakes. Several thousand cars have been ordered, and numerous new buildings and bridges.

Leather, Coke, Wool.

The new demand for boots and shoes is so scanty that some works are about out of orders, though many still have enough, taken at old prices or a slight advance, to run through the year. Buyers generally decline to pay the larger advance now asked, and prices of leather do not yield. Hides at Chicago have again fallen about 5 per cent. and are scarcely higher than a month ago. Minor metals are a shade stronger. The coke combination has changed its method so that contracts are openly made below prices recently ruling, and there is some partition of consumers among the producing interests. Anthracite sells below the official c. r. r. rate, but better demand is expected with revival in manufacturing. Wool manufacture is waiting, and while more concerns are at work, the new demand improves but little with more favorable weather. Speculative sales of wool continue large, London prices having risen 10 per cent., and the average of 104 quotations by Coates Brothers is 16.60 cents against 12.02 a month ago. In the cotton manufacture there is little change, though goods are selling better, but with many added works production exceeds present demand.

Cotton and Wheat.

The market for raw cotton is weak with middling uplands an eighth lower. With over 4,750,000 bales in sight on December 1, when the crop is usually about half in, current estimates would leave only 3,500,000 more to come forward in nine months, and the larger consumption in mills does not advance prices. Other produce markets have been weaker. Wheat rose to the close last week, but gradually receded, and broke sharply on Friday, losing at 2% lower for the week. Spelt has some influence, but receipt for the week was only 2,904,621 bushels against 7,214,911 last year. At the exports were slightly smaller, four included, 1,098,407 bushels against 2,206,003 last year, but the sharp advance in prices would naturally check shipments. Milling returns at the four largest western centers show a decrease of 58,490 barrels for the week, and further decrease is expected owing to the diminishing export demand for flour.

Monetary Affairs.

The treasury shows a deficit of \$8,050,000 for the month, and \$2,393,770 for eleven months, but has been much strengthened by receipts of gold in exchange for legal tenders of which the actual circulation has increased \$20,000,000. Compared with a year ago the increase in all circulation is \$35,200,000. Foreign exchange is kept strong by large operations which are virtually levying money to London, and the receipts of \$2,500,000 last week from the interior, with absorption of stocks and payments of time loans on them, makes money plenty and cheaper. Of good commercial paper the supply is much below the demand, though large amounts have been taken, including much eastern mill paper. Failures for the week have been 379 in the United States against 334 last year and in Canada 55 against 52 last year.

Loss of Life on Steam Vessels.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Supervising Inspector General Dumont reports that during last year 221 persons lost their lives on steam vessels out of 500,000,000 passengers carried. This was a decrease in loss of life of 173 persons from the year before.

Hamburg Dock Strike.

Hamburg, Dec. 5.—The dock strike continues to spread and the strike committee will this evening consider a plan for extending the strike among the laborers employed in the city. Business is almost at a standstill in the harbor.

Complimented by Major McKinley.

Toronto, Dec. 5.—John Leith Councill, captain of the Toronto varsity football club and the champion half-back of Canada, to-day received from Major McKinley, president-elect of the United States, his photograph and a friendly note in the major's handwriting. The latter refers to Councill's great prowess as a football player, and says a good word in general about young Canadians.

Drowned On the Newfoundland Coast.

St. Johns, N. P., Dec. 4.—Several more vessels have arrived here in a more or less damaged condition, having been caught in the hurricane which passed over the Banks. These men were washed overboard from the schooner Nancy and drowned. They would probably have been saved had they not been encumbered by their clothing, which was covered with ice.

WORKING FOR ALGER

Michigan Friends Urge His Claim for Secretary of War.

DELEGATION SENT TO CANTON

The Abandonment of Two of the Largest Combinations Additional Ground for Confidence—Others Likely to Follow.

Major McKinley.

Canton, O., Dec. 5.—President-elect McKinley finds less time now to attend to his correspondence and devote to the privacy of his home than he did when the numerous delegations were arriving before the election. His callers now are mostly leaders in the policy and management of the government. Some it is believed come to urge the claims of certain friends to appointments, while others are called to advise in the selection of the cabinet or other important posts.

The first imposing delegation in the interests of a cabinet possibility called yesterday afternoon. Some of the foremost men of Michigan visited Major McKinley to ask him to consider the name of Gen. Alger when he formed his cabinet. Gen. Alger's friends suggested him for the position of secretary of war. This delegation included President Angell of the University of Michigan, Col. Heckler of Detroit, congressman George A. Spaulding of Monroe and Col. A. T. Bliss of Saginaw. Major McKinley received his visitors in his library. Ex-Congressman Brewer was spokesman. The president-elect made no promises.

Members of the delegation said they were delighted with their reception. Congressman John A. T. Hull of Des Moines, Ia., was one of Major McKinley's callers during the evening. He is chairman of the committee of library affairs. He had a talk with Major McKinley. Lafayette Young and G. M. Reynolds, a Des Moines banker, accompanied Congressman Hull. They united in saying that Iowa would be glad to have Senator Allison remain in the senate, but if he were called to the cabinet the people of the state would want him to consider the invitation very seriously.

The officers of the Eighth regiment of the Ohio National guard called on Major McKinley and invited him to have his picture taken in a group with them, which he did. The Eighth Ohio is the regiment which is to escort Major McKinley from Canton to Washington.

Charles G. Dawes of Chicago spent the afternoon and evening at the McKinley residence. He said that the only knowledge he had of the rumors announcing his forthcoming appointment as private secretary he had gained from the newspapers. He left for Washington last night.

The Poston Question.

On the pension question he says that about 970,075 persons are drawing about \$140,000,000 per annum in pensions, and the branch of the service should be conducted with great care and discretion.

It gives a table which shows that the total amount paid out by the government in pensions and the cost of disbursing the same during the last thirty-one years was \$3,034,739, which lacks only \$246,712,323 of being equal to the high water mark of the interest-bearing public debt.

One hundred and forty million dollars is thought to be sufficient for the payment of pensions during the next fiscal year, unless pensions are increased by further legislation. The secretary recommends that an increase from \$8 to \$12 per month be granted to all survivors of the Mexican war, who are wholly disabled and destitute.

The Indians, he says now occupy about 85,000,000 acres of land, and they should be protected from the sinister machinations of unscrupulous men.

He recommends that the Indian bureau

as the representative of the United States, and that his own sense of property may be relied upon to dispose of the personal aspects of C. C. case.

It is, however, pointed out that section 1751, revised statutes, specifically provides that no diplomatic or consular officer accredited to a foreign government shall "asked or accept, for himself or any other person any present, emolument, pecuniary favor, office or title of any kind from any such government."

As understood here, there is no suggestion that Mr. Bayard is to receive any distinction from a "government," but that the proposed gift will come from popular sources.

FOR MORE MORAL LAWS.

Washington Reform Bureau to Push Measures Now Pending in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The reform bureau of this city, which originated the Gillett bill, by which the last session of congress abolished divorce colonies in the territories and which received from President Cleveland the pen with which the bill was signed, considers the approaching session of congress especially favorable for the moral measures still pending, inasmuch as they regard the appropriation bills out of the way and financial legislation likely to wait for the McKinley congress.

The measures which the reform bureau is chiefly urging are the Gillett bill to extend the anti-gambling legislation, which has been applied to mails and express, to telegraph; the Broderick bill, to raise the age of protection for girls to 16 years in the district of Columbia and the territories; the McMillan bill, to restore to this district its former law against Sunday traffic, which was invalidated by a clerical error, and the Phillips bill to appoint a non-partisan commission for the investigation of the problems of labor and capital.

A Judge and a Reporter Sued for Libel.

Whitman, Mass., Dec. 5.—A suit for \$20,000 has been instituted by John P. McKay of Rockland, a lawyer with an office in Boston against Judge Kelly of the second district court at Abington, and W. C. Gurney, a newspaper reporter, for alleged libel, and their property has been attached. Mr. McKay was arrested in Boston Saturday, charged with uttering a forgery. A mortgage was filed with the International Trust company of Boston by Mr. McKay as collateral for a loan, and it was alleged that the name of the register of deeds was forged.

Pension Appropriations.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The appropriations for the next fiscal year will not be less than \$140,000,000, and it may exceed that sum. This is due to the circumstance that pensions under the law of 1890 are payable only from the date of application, while pensions under the general law carry in many cases heavy arrears which largely increase the average.

The Chippewa Ice Gorge.

Shawano, Wis., Dec. 5.—At Keshena falls, two miles up the river, lies in the Chippewa river is piled below the falls thirty feet high. The water backs up so that the falls are covered. The ice jam extends two and a half miles down the river and is piled high against the lower or Keshena bridge.

The water is backing up in a creek at the village and part of the place is under water. The flood is rising steadily.

At the government plowing mill the water is seven feet deep and all of the debris is in danger.

The Event Postponed.

The dance to be given in aid of the hospital nurses' home fund will occur at Odd Fellows' hall Friday evening, December 18, instead of Thursday night, the 17th, the date that was first fixed upon. The event was postponed because Thursday evening is the time for the weekly day prayer meetings in the churches. Clapp's band will give a concert and the orchestra will furnish the dance music. It will be a very pleasant affair and should be largely attended.

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TOYS GAMES

Remember the Little Ones all want to see our Wonderful Window Display. There is a veritable exposition of Mechanical and Musical Marvels in our Toy Store. An immense variety in 49c and 99c goods. There is no toy sold that you cannot buy cheaper here than elsewhere. Great Variety and Range of Price at the Toy Store.

SEC. FRANCIS' REPORT

Operations of the Interior Department for the Fiscal Year of '96.

EXPENDITURES INCREASED \$1,000,000

The Actual Public Domain Is 1,849,079,537 Acres, with 600,000,000 Acres Still Vacant—\$146,000,000 Distributed Annually in Pensents.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Secretary of the interior David R. Francis has submitted his annual report to the president. The appropriations for the last fiscal year amounted to \$157,179,656. The estimates for the present fiscal year are about \$1,000,000 more than was appropriated last year. The actual public domain is now 1,849,079,537 acres. The public lands still vacant amount to over 600,000,000 acres, not including Alaska. About 85,739,751 acres have been patented to railroads and there are yet due railroads and wagon roads under their grants an aggregate of 114,738,639 acres. The total acreage segregated from the public domain was 940,219,190 acres. The secretary deems it desirable that our waste acreage should be taken up by actual settlers who should be given every encouragement, and says if the rate of settlement continues in the future as in the past but very little vacant land will be left in thirteen years time. He urges legislation for the preservation of the forests and states that a report will be submitted to congress by the forestry commission which has lately returned from a tour of inspection. Secretary Francis calls the attention of congress to the necessity of legislation looking to the reclaiming of arid lands and says that of the 500,000,000 acres of arid lands, 100,000,000 acres might be reclaimed by the conservative use of water, but it is impossible under the laws now in operation, to control the reclamation of the arid regions as to prevent the improvement of water over which the general government has no control. The secretary briefly mentions the difficulties between the Otoe and Sioux Indians, which, he states, is a complicated one. No settlement has yet been agreed upon.

The State Department at Washington Deems the Proposal a Prudent Matter, and It Meets with No Disapproval.

London, Dec. 5.—The Daily Telegraph to-day publishes three column of interviews and letters on the subject of its proposal to make a present to Ambassador Bayard as a national token of respect and good will. The paper says it has received fifty more subscriptions to its fund for this purpose, including one from Sir Henry Irving, the well-known actor-manager.

A PERSONAL MATTER.

Opinion of the State Department regarding the Gift to Bayard.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The propagation of a number of Englishmen, acting unofficially, to present to Ambassador Bayard at the close of his mission a substantial recognition of the esteem in which he is held by England, finds no expression of disapprobation at the state department, where it is said that the matter can hardly be a subject for official cognizance under any circumstances now foreseen. Confidence is expressed that Mr. Bayard's long diplomatic experience will enable him to determine a proper attitude for himself as long as he continues his official relations with Great Britain as the representative of the United States, and that his own sense of property may be relied upon to dispose of the personal aspects of C. C. case.

It is, however, pointed out that section 1751, revised statutes, specifically provides that no diplomatic or consular officer accredited to a foreign government shall "asked or accept, for himself or any other person any present, emolument, pecuniary favor, office or title of any kind from any such government."

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The Poston Question.

On the pension question he says that about 970,075 persons are drawing about \$140,000,000 per annum in pensions, and the branch of the service should be conducted with great care and discretion.

It gives a table which shows that the total amount paid out by the government in pensions and the cost of disbursing the same during the last thirty-one years was \$3,034,739, which lacks only \$246,712,323 of being equal to the high water mark of the interest-bearing public debt.

One hundred and forty million dollars is thought to be sufficient for the payment of pensions during the next fiscal year, unless pensions are increased by further legislation. The secretary recommends that an increase from \$8 to \$12 per month be granted to all survivors of the Mexican war, who are wholly disabled and destitute.

The Indians, he says now occupy about 85,000,000 acres of land, and they should be protected from the sinister machinations of unscrupulous men.

He recommends that the Indian bureau

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FOR MORE MORAL LAWS.

Washington Reform Bureau to Push Measures Now Pending in Congress.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The reform bureau of this city, which originated the Gillett bill, by which the last session of congress abolished divorce colonies in the territories and which received from President Cleveland the pen with which the bill was signed, considers the approaching session of congress especially favorable for the moral measures still pending, inasmuch as they regard the appropriation bills out of the way and financial legislation likely to wait for the McKinley congress.

The measures which the reform bureau is chiefly urging are the Gillett bill to extend the anti-gambling legislation, which has been applied to mails and express, to telegraph; the Broderick bill, to raise the age of protection for girls to 16 years in the district of Columbia and the territories; the McMillan bill, to restore to this district its former law against Sunday traffic, which was invalidated by a clerical error, and the Phillips bill to appoint a non-partisan commission for the investigation of the problems of labor and capital.

A Judge and a Reporter Sued for Libel.

Whitman, Mass., Dec. 5.—A suit for \$20,000 has been instituted by John P. McKay of Rockland, a lawyer with an office in Boston against Judge Kelly of the second district court at Abington, and W. C. Gurney, a newspaper reporter, for alleged libel, and their property has been attached. Mr. McKay was arrested in Boston Saturday, charged with uttering a forgery. A mortgage was filed with the International Trust company of Boston by Mr. McKay as collateral for a loan, and it was alleged that the name of the register of deeds was forged.

Pension Appropriations.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The appropriations for the next fiscal year will not be less than \$140,000,000, and it may exceed that sum. This is due to the circumstance that pensions under the law of 1890 are payable only from the date of application, while pensions under the general law carry in many cases heavy arrears which largely increase the average.

The Chippewa Ice Gorge.

Shawano, Wis., Dec. 5.—At Keshena falls, two miles up the river, lies in the Chippewa river is piled below the falls thirty feet high. The water backs up so that the falls are covered. The ice jam extends two and a half miles down the river and is piled high against the lower or Keshena bridge.